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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/696,355; Filed: October 30, 2003
For: **Tunable Alignment Geometry**
Inventor: Louis J. Markoya
Our Ref: 1857.1660000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement; and
2. Return postcard.

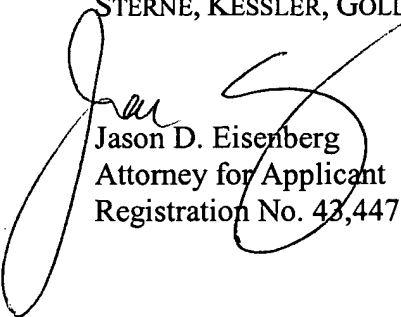
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Respectfully submitted,

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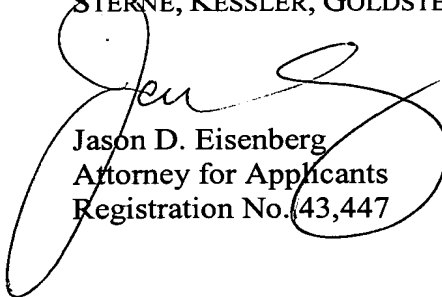
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **March 31, 2006**, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of **Group I**, represented by **claims 26-35**. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. This election is made without traverse. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested. It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19 0036.

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